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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 23, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 15, and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-14 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

This Office Action is in response to the papers filed March 23, 2001.

Claims 2, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 is apparently incorrect. See the specification at page 16, lines 11-17.

Claim 15 is indefinite because "said first dopant concentration" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 16 is indefinite because "said second dopant concentration" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reddi (United States Patent 3,296,462) together with Liu et al. (United States Patent 6,097,061).

Reddi discloses a semiconductor configuration (see the entire patent, particularly Fig. 1), comprising: a semiconductor body including first and second connection zones 12 and 14 of a first conductivity type, a channel zone 26 of the first conductivity type, at least one control electrode 24, and an insulation layer 22.

The difference between Reddi's device and the set of rejected claims is the latter's insulation layer surrounds the control electrode (i.e., the latter's insulated control gate electrode is formed in, rather than on, the substrate).

Liu et al. teach improving an MOS device's scaling by forming its insulated gate in, rather than on, the substrate (see the entire patent).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in this art to improve Reddi's MOS device's scaling by forming its insulated gate in, rather than on, the substrate, as taught by Liu et al.

Claim 1 is thus rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reddi together with Liu et al.

Claims 3-14 and 17 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable over the prior art of record if amended to further include all the limitations of independent claim 1 and any intervening claims.

Registered practitioners can telephone the examiner at (703) 308-4939. Any voicemail message left for the examiner must include the name and registration number of the registered practitioner calling, and the application's Serial Number.

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